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SUBJECT: TENNECO SEVEN

REF: KHARTOUM 1256

TO BURGHER FROM FREEMAN

1. FREEMAN TRIP TO KHARTOUM CANCELLED. BURGHER TELL ZEIN FREEMAN WILL INCREASE ONE HALF MILLION U.S. DOLLARS TO 750,000 U.S. WHICH IS ALL HE CAN DO. ZEIN MUST SUBMIT NAMES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IEG PRISONS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH IEG REGARDING RELEASE. ZEIN TO ARRANGE FOR NURSE PILOT AND HELICOPTER TO FLY BACK TO ASMARA IMMEDIATELY AS SIGN OF GOOD FAITH AND ABILITY TO PERFORM. WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN WEEKS GOOD FAITH AND WE HAVE SYMPHYZED WITH IDEALS OF ELF. SINCE MURDER OF NURSE AND CONTINUAL CONFUSION WE ARE SURPRISED THAT THE ELF CONTINUES WITH THEIR UNREASONABLE DEMANDS. THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE EXTENT REASONABLE AND SINCERE PEOPLE CAN GO. IF THIS OFFER IS NOT ACCEPTED I MUST RELUCTANTLY QUESTION THE ELF SINCERITY.

2. IF BY NOON TOMORROW JUNE 5, 1974 WE CANNOT REACH AN AGREEMENT ALL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TERMINATED. TELL ZEIN
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WE REGRET WE CANNOT AGREE BUT WE HAVE DONE THE BEST

WE CAN AND WILL RECALL ALL NEGOTIATING PERSONNEL TO RETURN
TO HOUSTON. FROM TOMORROW NOON THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF
OUR PEOPLE WILL BE THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY OF ELF.

3. THE PRESS RELEASE REQUESTED IS NO PROBLEM TO ME.
IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE TERMINATED BURGHER SHOULD RETURN TO
ATHENS TO RETURN TO HOUSTON WITH ME AND GRAHAM SHOULD
RETURN TO ADDIS. PLEASE IMPRESS ZEIN THAT
WE ARE NOT HORSE TRADING OR BLUFFING AND
INTEND TO DO JUST WHAT THIS MESSAGE STATES.
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